Production capacity of BSP

†434. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity for hot rolled steel, raw steel and saleable steel in Bhilai Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) whether five blast furnaces of the plant functioned throughout the year in 2000-2001;

(c) whether production of hot rolled steel, raw steel during 2000-2001, was below the installed capacity; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The rated capacity of hot metal, crude steel and saleable steel at Bhilai Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited is as follows:—

Item	Rated Capacity '000 T
Hot Metal	4080
Crude Steel	3925
Saleable Steel	3153

(b) Out of seven blast furnaces, at least five operated throughout the year in 2000-2001.

(c) and (d) The production for hot metal and crude steel in BSP was less than the rated capaicty during 2000-01, as the same had to be regulated due to depressed market conditions.

Plan for revival of HSCO

435. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Burnpur-based Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO), a subsidiary of the Steel Authority of India Ltd., is in the red;

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